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- 25X1 5. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Philip Kelleher, House Armed Services Committee staff, who advised that he is requesting time for hearings on H.R. 13705 for next week. He advised the schedule of the Committee business is quite unsettled at the moment, but that he is making the attempt through Chairman Philbin.
- 25X1 6. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. J.R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him Agency efforts to push H.R. 13705. He noted that Phil Kelleher is working on the matter and would do everything possible.
 Advised Mr. Blandford that the Clifford decision to affirm the December 1966 Presidential approval of cutback on an Agency project has been reviewed with the President who concurred on the position taken by Mr. Clifford. Mr. Blandford reaffirmed that the Chairman is upset about this matter and intends, at least at present, to make a real fuss about it.
 In conversation Mr. Blandford noted that they have been advised that the State Department had put a hold on transmittal of information to the Armed Services Committee concerning the Pueblo. I noted that this was news to me, but was unable to ascertain the source of the report. Mr. Blandford advised that, in any event, in his opinion the system of keeping him advised has worked, and is still working satisfactorily, and that he does not feel that this single incident of the Pueblo should cause any change in the system.
- 25X1 7. [REDACTED] Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis, Executive Secretary to Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho), called to check on the status of the application of [REDACTED] Mrs. Lewis said that [REDACTED] has received another employment offer but does not want to accept it if there were a good chance she would be accepted by the Agency. After checking with the Office of Personnel, I advised Mrs. Lewis that while [REDACTED] had made a very favorable impression on our people, we were about to inform her that we did not have an opening for her at this time. Miss Lewis thanked me for this information and said she would pass it on to [REDACTED] so that she could pursue the other job opportunity.